

We believe that the criticism of intelligence expressed in the Republican National Platform and by the Republican National Committee is valid and that remedial action must be taken. Among the priority items are:

- Funding increases in U.S. collection systems, human intelligence collection, covert action capabilities and paramilitary capabilities. Existing U.S. capabilities have been exaggerated by the Carter Administration particularly as part of the effort to sell SALT II.
- Remedial legislation to protect secrecy, particularly legislation to protect the identities of intelligence agents and sources and methods--particularly a covert agent identity protection bill and a Freedom of Information Act repeal.
- The immediate promulgation of a new executive order on intelligence to replace the highly restrictive 12036 by the Carter Administration.
- Consideration of amendments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to reduce restrictions on collection.
- The consideration of structural changes to the intelligence community to improve its effectiveness in analysis, collection and counterintelligence. Since there is controversy on this point, two teams have been established to look at this problem.
- Competitive analysis is a vital requirement but does not really exist at this time. We are looking at mechanisms to institutionalize competitive analysis.
- The substantial improvement in cover for U.S. covert agents is a vital requirement. There is generally agreement that it is very deficient. However, this problem can be remedied by Presidential Order.
- The quality of analysis could stand substantial improvement, particularly in the area of predicting political and military developments in the Soviet Union. We are looking at methods of improving the quality of analysis and the CIA's personnel system for analysis.